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TO: Dean C. W. Minkel
FROM: Thomas H. Klindt *THK*
DATE: November 23, 1982
SUBJECT: Graduate Student Recruitment

There exists a continuing effort in The Graduate School to encourage well qualified students from colleges in the state and region to consider graduate study at The University of Tennessee. This effort is intended to enlarge the applicant pool so that program representatives may continue to exercise selectivity needed for maintenance of high academic standards. Attempts to enlarge or at least maintain the applicant pool are especially important in view of the decreasing graduate enrollment.

Related to general recruiting are the specific needs to enhance minority student enrollment in The Graduate School. Current minority enrollment (Fall 1982) stands at just over 4 percent of the graduate student body.

In response to the above, recruiting visits have been made to a number of colleges and universities in the state and region during 1982, including every predominately black school in Tennessee. Two different types of recruiting trips were made. First, The Graduate School was invited by some schools to send a representative to "Graduate School" or "Career" days to meet directly with students. On other occasions, a Graduate School representative visited schools to make contacts with placement officers or other university officials in an effort to establish links for the future. Recruiting trips made during 1982 are as follows:

March 29-30*

Lane College, Jackson, TN -- THK
Contact: Ms. Gail White, Placement Director

Lambuth College, Jackson, TN -- THK
Contact: Dr. B. Sherbine, Dean, Academic Affairs

Union College, Jackson, TN -- THK
Contact: Dr. H. E. Barefoot, Dean of Academic Affairs

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September 16*	Appalachian State University, Boone, NC -- THK Contact: David Ball, Director Placement 704/262-2180
September 28*	Middle Tennessee State University Murphreesboro, TN -- Rose Ann Contact: Martha Turner, Placement 615/898-2500
September 30*	Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN -- Rose Ann Contact: Becky Burton, Coordinator of Seminars 615/475-4316
October 12*	Maryville College, Maryville, TN -- Rose Ann Contact: Jean Jones, Placement Director
October 18	Knoxville College, Knoxville, TN -- THK Contact: Cecil Green, Placement 615/524-6500
October 21*	North Carolina A & T, Greensboro, NC -- Jay Stauss
October 27*	Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC -- Jay Stauss
October 28	Fish, Nashville, TN -- THK Contact: Edwena Smith, Director Placement 615/329-8597
November 9*	LeMoyne-Owen, Memphis, TN -- Rose Ann Contact: June Chinn-Jones, Placement Counselor 901/774-9090, Ext. 217
November 11	Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN -- THK Contact: Dorothy Lockridge, Director Placement 615/320-3525
November 19	Memphis State, Memphis, TN -- THK Contact: Stoney Warren, Director of Placement 901/454-2239

In addition, Law represented UT at a consortium of black schools in Atlanta during October.

*Represents a "Graduate School" or "Career" Day.

During 1983, the contacts made this year will be cultivated, with efforts being made to reach other colleges and universities in East Tennessee as resources permit.